

# WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

## State B. T. U. Convention, Wichita Falls, Nov. 24-26



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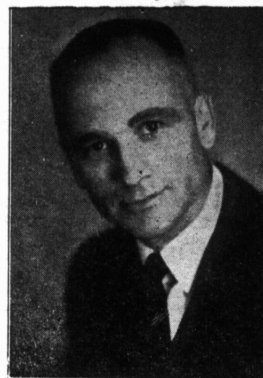
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### RAMBLING E M A R K S



By DICK O'BRIEN

About fifty per cent of the pleasure of attending a convention is the joy of meeting with old classmates and friends. Having lived in Texas all my life thus far, and having served as pastor of several West Texas churches during my short ministry, I naturally meet scores and scores of intimate friends each time I attend a general meeting. I was standing at an exit of the First Baptist Church in Dallas the other day as the huge crowd disgorged itself from the main auditorium. With me was a group from the Stamford church, and up walked five or six from Colorado, and before the greetings were all said, up came another group from Floydada. I think that is a foretaste of heaven where we will have all of the friends we ever had in this world, and there will be no more separations. That with my loved ones, and especially the Savior will be heaven enough for me. . . . Well, we made that trip to Sulphur Springs last Tuesday night. I remarked in the ramblings last week that if we could get some molasses we could mix it, or them, with the sulphur and be ready for winter. Imagine our surprise when we had a friend there give us a full pail of pure East Texas ribbon cane sorghum. But we failed to find the sulphur. . . . Speaking of the word "molasses," is it singular or plural? I am by that like I am by trousers and scissors, I can never remember. The teacher asked the little boy whether trousers were singular or plural number, and he answered that they were singular at the top and plural at the bottom. I suppose that is about as close to it as you could get. Do you remember when the skirts the ladies wore looked like one pant leg? I think they called them hobble skirts. That was the only time I ever dared to speak of women's styles from the pulpit. And then I only remarked that if I were going to preach against any style it would be the hobble skirt because the women would have no room to kick. Get it? One of the twins wanted to know why women wore such skirts and his mother said it was because it was the style

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### EVENTS TO COME

- Nov. 24—Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.
- Nov. 24-26—B. T. U. State Convention, Wichita Falls.
- Nov. 27-Dec. 4—Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.
- Dec. 11—Universal Bible Study.
- December 19-20: Church Music Conference, Seminary Hill.
- Dec. 21—Christmas Holidays Begin, H-SU.
- Dec. 25—Sunday, Christmas Day.
- Jan. 3—Monday, Holidays End.
- Jan. 16—20 New Mexico Baptist Pastor's Conference, Portales.
- Jan. 18-19—Associational Sunday School Officers Meeting.

### DIST. 17 TRAINING UNION CONTESTS AT STAMFORD

The First Baptist Church, Stamford, was host Monday evening, November 14 to the B. T. U. elimination contests for District Seventeen. Rev. Jared I. Cartledge of Eastland, District director of the Training Union, was general director of the contests, assisted by the host pastor, Rev. P. D. O'Brien. Broughten Harden, Stamford educational director, conducted the senior oratorical contest on the subject, "The Christian Home." Winners in the oratorical were, Alyce Maye Wellborn, Potosi; Katrina Lovelace, Eastland; Ruth Carter and Jewell Thomas, Abilene, first. There was no contestant for age 19. Bobby Copeland, Abilene, is an alternate.

Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford, was in charge of the Intermediate sword drill. Winners were, Edith Allison, Eastland; Perla Hudson Dudley, Abilene; Louise McInroe, Breckenridge; and T. H. Antilley, Jr., Elmdale. Alternates are Wanda Bond, Abilene; Helen Lucas, Eastland; Doman Roberts, Abilene; and Vern Ella Allison, Eastland.

Mrs. Broughten Harden, Stamford, was conductor of the Junior memory contest, where the following recited and gave references to 66 Bible verses with not more than one error: Nelson Turner Allison, Eastland; Mary McLaurine Dudley, Martha Pender, Lockilou Bynum, Winnie Dudley and Richard Collier, all of First Church, Abilene.

Winners in Primary story telling were Ruby Jane Kincaid, University Church, Abilene and Bobby Williams, Elmdale. Representing the district in Beginners story telling are Jarany Cartledge, Eastland and Mary Kathleen Kincaid, University Church Abilene.

### STATE JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE MASSES CHORUS

The first rehearsal for the State Junior-Intermediate Massed Chorus, under the direction of Mr. I. E. Reynolds, will be held in the city auditorium Thursday afternoon, November 24, at 4:45. The second rehearsal will be held in the city auditorium Friday afternoon, November 25, at 4:45. The massed chorus will appear on the program Friday night the 25th, and Saturday morning the 26th. Order music from State B. T. U. Department, 708 Burt Bldg., Dallas, for ten cents a book.

### WHY CLIFF TEMPLE PAYS THE EXPENSES OF OFFICERS TO STATE B.T.U. CONVENTION

By J. Earl Mead  
For many years Cliff Temple has sent its B. T. U. department directors to the State B. T. U. Convention with expenses paid. The church makes this investment because it wants to show its appreciation for these workers who bear the heaviest responsibility in the work of its youth and because they deserve it. These department directors, in turn, feel that the church expects them to attend and make plans to do so.

Furthermore, the church sends these workers because it wants them to become more efficient and effective in their work of training youth. They learn from the experiences of hundreds of workers over the state and keep up with the latest developments of organization and methods.

The church has also found out that when these department workers return from the convention the inspiration which they engender lifts the tone of its B. T. U. work for the whole year.

### VETERAN W-TEX PASTOR APPRAISES CONVENTION

Dallas Meeting Called a Forward Looking Convention

By Millard A. Jenkins  
The Texas Baptist General Convention that convened in Dallas last week was one of the most harmonious, deeply spiritual and forward looking Conventions that I have attended in Texas the 23 years I have been here. From the first hour of the Convention on Tuesday night until it climaxed at noon Friday, there was not a low note sounded.

I think I have never attended a Convention where the messengers so unanimously attended all the sessions.



DR. J. HOWARD WILLIAMS  
President General Convention  
Will Speak at Wichita Falls

The spacious First Baptist Church auditorium, including the galleries, was always filled. The confusion of going in and coming out was absent. The reports had all been thoroughly studied and they were well presented. The speeches, this writer not included, were all of the highest order. In fact there was not a dull one.

And the preaching was all of the very best. Practically every session

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MISS BETTY HAZLEWOOD  
Office Secretary  
State B. T. U. Department

Here is the young lady who sends you your B. T. U. awards for completing study courses. She has not been in the office so very long, yet she has had the pleasure of issuing nearly 400,000 diplomas and seals, over 50,000 during the past year.

You may meet Miss Hazlewood in person at Wichita Falls next week where she will again conduct the statewide junior memory contest. This is the contest where everyone may win who works hard enough, regardless of how keen the competition may be.

### Baptist Training Unions To Meet In "City That Faith Built," Thanksgiving

#### PRE-REGISTRATION PLAN GIVEN BY DR. GARDNER

Nine Thousand Baptists Expected To Register at Wichita Falls Convention

All people who attend the State B. T. U. Convention are expected to register. With the pre-registration plan that has been adopted by the convention, it is possible for all messengers to register before the convention convenes. If it is too late for you to write for your registration cards, badges, etc., simply get the name and address of each person desiring to register and present the whole group after you arrive in Wichita Falls and, in that way, take advantage of this splendid pre-registration plan.

The State B. T. U. Convention only desires to secure enough money from those who register to pay for the expenses of the convention. The convention has used with great success the pre-registration plan. District 11, with Wichita Falls at the center, is undertaking to register 4,000 messengers this year. Churches that desire to do so may register all their messengers before the convention convenes. Registration cards and tags may be secured from the State B. T. U. Department, 708 Burt Building, Dallas. Districts' or associations underwriting \$200 or more may agree on a registration fee of ten cents each.

Groups of churches that register 100 or more may register for 25c per person. To illustrate: In some of the cities and associations that are composed of small churches, it is impossible for them to get fifty or more members in any one church to register. In order to get the small registration fee, several churches may cooperate in registering their members and take advantage of the 25c registration fee provided 100 or more register from one group of churches in an association or district.

The fee for individual churches registering from 10 to 25 people is 50c a person, 35c a person if the church registers from 25 to 50 people, and 25c each if a church registers from 50 to 100.

#### WICHITA FALLS COMMITTEES FOR STATE B. T. U. CONVENTION

Chairman of General Convention Committee—Dr. Fred C. Eastham, First Baptist Church.

Publicity—Rev. H. B. White, 1708 Collins.

Entertainment in Homes—Mrs. Wells Smith, 1410 10th.

Hotels—Rev. R. Alton Reed co Lamar Avenue Baptist Church.

Conference Rooms—Gilbert Segal, 711 Burk Road.

Courtesy Cars—R. B. Biles, 2222 Princeton.

City Auditorium—Paul Teague, 1311 Bell.

Registration—Rev. J. I. Gregory, 3205 Cumberland.

Ushers—Floyd Randel, Fox-Randel Chevrolet Company.

Information—Rev. G. W. Bales, Thrift, Texas.

Exhibits—Rev. I. Noel Snow, Box 1623.

Special Programs—E. A. Scarborough, co First Baptist Church.

Entertainment of Speakers—Roy Camp, 1632 Lucille.

#### WICHITA FALLS AWAITS NINE THOUSAND BAPTISTS

Dr. Fred C. Eastham, pastor of First Baptist Church, is chairman of the Wichita Falls convention committee. He says, "The citizens of Wichita Falls will throw their homes wide open to messengers and visitors attending the State Convention in the "City that Faith Built." A great program has been planned and we have reason to believe that more than nine thousand people will be in our city during the three days that the convention will be in session."

The first Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas was held in Fort Worth, September 9, 1891. Although this convention has met every year since it was organized, it has never held one of its sessions in the city that faith built. When the thousands of messengers march to Wichita Falls Thanksgiving morning, they will find a glad welcome from the citizens of one of the most progressive cities in this entire State.

The first session of the convention will be held in the beautiful and commodious city auditorium. The combined choirs of all churches in that great city will provide the music for the opening session. This great choir will be directed by Mr. Edgar Spearman of Dallas. Mr. John Josey of Amarillo will be the convention organizer.

The Wichita Falls convention will provide an occasion for all the messengers to rejoice over the progress made by Baptist Training Unions during the past year. Reports will reveal that Texas continues to lead the world in Baptist Training Union organizations and achievements. There are now 8,642 unions in the State with a combined membership of 170,000. The ratio of training union members to total church membership in Texas shows a steady and remarkable increase, rising from 5 per cent in 1916 to 18 per cent in 1925 and to 28 per cent in 1938. The reports will also show that for the first time in the history of Texas Baptists, more than 50,000 diplomas and seals have been issued to training union members. We believe that pastors, training union officers and members, Sunday school workers, deacons and W. M. U. workers should attend this annual gathering.

The general theme for the convention is "Onward With Christ." The sermons and addresses will magnify soul-winning and missions. Surely, every Baptist church in the State would profit greatly by sending messengers to the 48th annual session of the Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas.

#### TIME THAT STATE CONTESTS WILL BE HELD

- | Contest                  | Day      | Hour                |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Beginner Storytelling    | Friday   | 9:10 to 10:00 a. m. |
| Primary Storytelling     | Friday   | 9:10 to 10:00 a. m. |
| Junior Bible Memory      | Friday   | 9:30 to 10:10 a. m. |
| Intermediate Sword Drill | Friday   | 9:20 to 9:50 a. m.  |
| Senior Oratorical        | Thursday | 4:35 to 5:45 p. m.  |
| Master Swordsman         | Saturday | 9:10 to 9:35 a. m.  |

### MISSIONARY E S S A G E S



By B. N. Shepherd  
Missionary, District 17

It is always such a joy and so helpful to attend a Baptist General Convention of Texas. Every one and every concern needs to check up and see what it is doing. That is one of the purposes of the Convention.

The recent one was a good one. The attendance was large and the speakers were up to par. Considering the disappointment in the crop shortage, the reports were fine. There was no way to know just how many people were won to the Lord and their Salvation, but Dr. Campbell stated that he was sure it would go beyond last year.

The mission reports were excellent. Greater plans are perfected for going forward in a greater way. Our outlook is better than it has ever been. I think I have never seen people more optimistic for the Lord's causes. Leadership on the part of the pastors, God's selected leaders will bring God-honoring results. We can count on them.

Our district was honored by being called on for five or six of the speakers during the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference and the convention. Every one of them did his job par-excellent. I heard a number say that Bro. Talley brought the best devotional during the Convention.

#### 1939 Cooperative Program

During the past year the Lord used Texas Baptists in a marvelous way in helping to bring in His Kingdom. Our District 17 had its part. But during the coming year we are going to have to really get down to business. We did a fine piece of work last year in

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#### WHERE WILL THE 1939 B. T. U. CONVENTION MEET?

President H. O. Rothell has announced that the following persons will serve on the committee to decide on the time and place of the 1939 Training Union Convention: Don Covington, Kenedy; L. L. Silkenen, Galveston; Miss Clara May, Wilson.

Now is the time for town and city representatives to decide whether or not they want this great convention next year.

#### POTOSI STUDY COURSE

Potosi Baptist Church has just had a study course in "What Baptists Believe." Bro. and Mrs. Landroff were teachers for the adults and primary. Bro. Arlie McDaniel of Hardin-Simmons was teacher for the Intermediates. Twenty-five took the test.

The associational B. T. U. met with us November 13. Clyde and Putnam were represented.

Bro. Tidwell, our pastor, meets with us each Wednesday night for prayer meeting. He is teaching the Book of Romans. He is also preaching some fine sermons and doing a great work. —Reporter.

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R. E. DUDLEY ..... Editor

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### THE CHOICE FOR THE WORLD

"Choose Christ or Neithe," said Dean Walter Matthews of St. Paul's, London, addressing Yale undergraduates on a recent Sunday. The issue of these troubled times, the English clergyman went on to say, will be determined by the spiritual forces behind the peace breakers and the peace seekers.

If there were enough people in the world whose lives were filled with the spiritual force of Christ, which is the Holy Spirit, we might expect soon to see despairing Hitlers, like Julian the Apostate, crying out, "O, thou Galilean, thou hast conquered!"

But while God bends evil men and evil deeds to the final fulfillment of His own purposes and to His ultimate glory, still the Divine work in the world must be carried on by the hands of willing mankind. When men are not willing, that work is left undone until God has raised up some one who is yielded to His will.

Such being the case, who knows how long the prophet of the Superman may dominate Europe? Fifteen centuries ago barbarians from Central Europe overran the Continent and gave the combination of trade, security, learning, refinement, and religion, which we call civilization, a crushing blow that required a thousand gloomy years for recovery.

We find Christian thought uniting in a strong conviction that only Christianity now stands between a tottering world and anarchy.

We do not know how much of Christianity would save the world. God promised Abraham that He would save corrupt Sodom if Lot had won even ten souls to righteousness. Also, He removed Lot and destroyed Sodom when they were not found.

### A SPIRITUAL FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

For those who are not "enjoying their religion" we recommend that they see what the Adult Training Union can do for them.

Far too many good church members, including some who are enlisted in other phases of church activity, are unable to get away from the impression that the Training Union is "young people's work." Too many imagine that an Adult Training Union is a mutual admiration society of adolescent-minded old people who like to hear themselves talk.

For the sake of knowing what is going on, to remain an informed church member, such people should visit the session of an active Adult Union. They might find that the members are not middle-aged adolescents but alert people who have found a mental and spiritual fountain of youth.

The fellowship of these meetings is something which is seldom found elsewhere today, especially in larger churches. Here is fostered an abiding appreciation and a spirit of brotherly love such as must have existed in the Apostolic churches. Men who like the fraternal spirit of their clubs and orders will feel at home.

It is a source of information on religious thought, on denominational activity, on missionary enterprise, and on Bible doctrines. There is all the cultural value of a study club right in one's own church and along lines which should interest every Christian.

The Adult Union is the recruiting station for leaders and sponsors in other unions. There is a crying need in most churches for trained and consecrated men and women to take up the task of leading our youth into useful fields of Christian service. If we let these boys and girls lose interest and drop out of church life for want of cooperation from their elders, we have sinned grievously against the world of tomorrow and against God.

Do you want to do soul-winning? Nowhere else, in the average church, is personal evangelism so emphasized. Often in the fore-front and always in the background, of every program is the ideal of every Christian a soul-winner, a living witness of the Gospel message.

If people who are finding their religious life stiff-kneed and rheumatic, if those who want to do something in a religious way and don't know how to begin, if those who desire a Sunday evening hour more spiritual than a ventriloquist's dummy offers, would enter into an Adult Union they might find spiritual refreshing far beyond their expectations.

### INSPIRATION PLUS IDEAS

This is an age of conventions, but of them all there is probably none in which so many people actually participate as in the State Training Union Conventions.

Meeting in ten sections, each with warming devotionals, thrilling inspirational speakers and practical conferences where a wealth of ideas are exchanged, this convention sends everyone who is interested in B. T. U. work back to the home church with fresh enthusiasm plus the solid support of new working material.

It was a wise philosopher who said, "If I have a dime and you have a dime and we exchange, both of us still have only one dime. But if I have an idea and you have an idea and we exchange, both of us have two ideas."

That is the basic idea of the B. T. U. Convention, and because it lives up to that ideal, eight thousand people, last Thanksgiving journeyed to the Southeast corner of Texas to attend. Next week, nine thousand are expected to go up to the Oklahoma border. Let's go, too.

## News Notes

Mrs. Annie Jenkins Sallee, who with her husband the late W. Eugene Sallee pioneered in mission work in Interior China, is now on her way back to that field. The name of the Sallees will stand high in the history of missions in China.

Under the leadership of Miss Juliette Mather of Birmingham, Alabama, young people's leaders of the W. M. U. of 13 Southern States held the annual planning session at Blue Mountain College, Mississippi last week.

Dr. W. M. Wright was the evangelist in a ten day's revival at Mt. Vernon, which resulted in 16 additions and 51 life dedications in the senior B. Y. P. U.

Pastor H. M. Weldon of Matador has received and accepted an indefinite call from that church. Formerly Matador has given an annual call.

Evangelist W. Y. Pond is spending November in revivals in New Mexico, first with Pastor O. L. Dennis at Tucumcari then with Pastor R. O. Keith and First Church, Albuquerque.

First Church, Sweetwater, has invited Rev. J. M. Sibley, of Tulsa, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons, to fill their pulpit on November 20. Dr. E. B. Atwood, regular supply pastor was with them last Sunday.

State Evangelist William H. Joyner has just conducted a fine revival in First Church, Dayton, Dr. Lee Hemphill, pastor. There were 39 additions and a hundred rededications. Every department of the church was greatly revived.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Manley Reynolds, recently visited his father, the vigorous veteran J. M. Reynolds of Goliad. While in South Texas he preached at the Baptist Church at Pettus.

Rev. R. E. Day, pastor at Port Arthur, First Church, was preacher in a deep revival at Calvary Church, Beaumont. There were 41 additions and 23 baptisms.

Rev. H. Vergil Reynolds is assisting Pastor A. D. Foreman, Jr., in a meeting in First Church, San Angelo this week.

Coleman and San Saba associations have recently had association-wide training schools. Twelve churches in Coleman association participated under the direction of Rev. W. H. Colson, associational superintendent. Rev. Elmer Dunham of Santa Anna led eight churches in the San Saba association in their training campaign.

"A Christian is one who makes it easier for people to believe in Jesus Christ."

The Thanksgiving season will be observed in First Church, Abilene, Sunday evening, November 20, with a cantata, "Praise and Thanksgiving," by Carrie B. Adams.

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson of H-SU addressed the Lions Club of Decatur and Bridgeport on November 16.

Pastor Dick O'Brien is leading Stamford Church in an All-Church study course this week.

Dr. Wallace Bassett of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, is in a revival with First Church, Brownwood.

First Church, Cisco, under the leadership of Pastor Judson Prince, recently closed a splendid Sunday School training course, teaching "Outlines of Bible History," "The Book We Teach," "Personal Factors in Character Building," and a Junior departmental book. Out of 65 officers and teachers, 52 were enrolled.

First Church Ada, Oklahoma is engaged in an "Every One Win One" revival under the leadership of Pastor C. C. Morris and Pastor's Associate Lee Stulce. There were twenty additions and eleven baptisms the first day.

The W. M. S. of First Church, Sweetwater last week packed a box for Buckner Orphans Home valued at \$97.63.

Sweetwater Baptists are raising funds by private subscription to purchase a building for the West Side Mission.

If you will not hear Reason, she'll surely rap your knuckles.—Poor Richard's Sayings.

All churches in Texas should send juniors and intermediates to participate in the junior-intermediate massed chorus at Wichita Falls.

## JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

### The Seed of Abraham

In the twelfth chapter of Genesis and the third verse we find the original contract between Jehovah and Abraham, the father of the Jews. In this contract the Party of the First Part promised to the patriarch, "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee."

Again and again this contract is repeated and it is called an "everlasting covenant." It is interesting to scan history in the light of this promise. Keep that in mind in reviewing the story of the nations.

Out of the confusion of the Dark Ages the harassed Jews found tolerance with the enlightened Saracens of Spain. Eight hundred years this kingdom continued and during much of the time it was the most peaceful and prosperous in Europe.

When Ferdinand and Isabella drove out the Moors they established the Spanish Inquisition as an agency of persecution. They harried the Jews out of the land and in two more generations the mighty empire of Spain in Europe fell apart. Since that time Spain has been a minor power.

France, Russia and other nations have had their fling at Jewish persecution with the inevitable retribution. England and America have been among the greatest friends of Israel and have become the most prosperous of peoples.

### Possible Back Fire

There is a widespread belief that Judaism is the rock which will sink the Nazi empire. The senseless, inhuman persecution of the Jews may be the beginning of the end of Hitler.

But don't for one moment think that any nation will challenge a dominant Germany over so abstract a cause as cruelty to natives of German soil. Rather, the seeds of destruction are planted in the persecution itself. Hate is a raging fire. It is extremely risky to attempt to burn down your next door neighbor's home if your own is highly inflammable.

In stirring up uncontrollable mob violence against the hated Hebrew, Hitler may be signing his own death warrant. A mob, like a conflagration, blindly destroys whatever crosses its path. The hate which vents itself upon a friendless people today may find a victim in the Fuehrer tomorrow.

### Playing With Fire

Mussolini, too, may be playing with a dangerous fire. The discord which he is sowing among the Mohammedans in British Palestine and Egypt, and in French Syria and Tunisia, may flame into a widespread revolt against these ruling powers. But if it does, no amount of Roman propaganda will make the grudge-keeping Arabs forget that the Italians in Tripoli have proved themselves the harshest masters a Moslem people have had in modern times.

Only a general uprising of the faith of Islam can sweep England and France from their Mohammedan colonies. And Mussolini need not think that his African possessions will be exempt if that day comes.

### Appesement

The English speak of Prime Minister Chamberlain's foreign policy as "appesement." That is a descriptive word. It brings up a vision of flinging raw meat to wild animals to quiet them. The method is successful—as long as the supply of meat lasts.

In the light of the Chamberlain record, and the further illumination of official documents which have now been published, only one interpretation can leave the British Premier in any favorable attitude. Sir Neville must be mapping his course on the theory that to hang Hitler it is only necessary to furnish him with enough rope.

It may work, but there are great numbers of unfortunate people becoming entangled in the rope in the meantime.

### United by Fear

The rise of the dictators appears to be having unexpected results in the Western world. The coming Pan-American gathering at Lima, Peru will find a much friendlier feeling among the American republics because they are much in the same position of wild beasts and fowl on a log in a flooded river. A common danger makes them friends.

The same sentiment may be credited with the willingness of Mexico to settle claims with the Colossus of the North after all these years. Independence under the protection of the Monroe Doctrine is vastly preferable to the colonization methods of the Nazis, the Fascists or the Japanese.

Well, its an ill wind indeed that blows no good at all.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

November 20, 1938

By Hight O Moore

### THE SACREDNESS OF THE HOME

Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27, 28; Mark 10:2-16

The sacredness of the home is embedded in the Seventh Commandment wherein chastity is commanded and impurity forbidden. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus, quoting this Commandment, extended its meaning and application from act to motive, thought, and desire. Jesus also magnified marriage as a human bond which should be sacredly kept as God planned from creation. The blessing of the little children gives a beautiful glimpse of happy family life where children are dedicated to God and receive the blessing of Jesus.

#### 1. Chastity Commanded (Exodus 20)

Be chaste in life: for chastity is commanded and conjugal fidelity bases the home. In the Seventh Commandment the right to chastity is recognized and the righteousness of chastity is inculcated. Adultery is expressly forbidden. The lewd of life is utterly corrupting to the individual, the family, society, the nation and the world. Chaste conduct is the divine bulwark against the desecration and overthrow of the divine institution, the home. Nothing is so ruinous to peace and happiness around the fireside as marital infidelity. And nothing so subverts the higher interests of society as the corruption of youth by obscenity, lewdness, and sensuality.

#### 2. Purity Required (Matthew 5)

Be pure in thought; for purity is required and the lustful look blights the home. It is not enough, then, to be outwardly correct and chaste merely in conduct. Jesus quotes the law against adultery for the purpose of completing its meaning. To cherish the look of lust is to have the spirit and motive and stain of the awful sin. Therefore the first and tiniest uprising of wrong desire must be checked, crushed, and cast out as a fleshly lust that wars against the soul.

#### 3. Marriage Magnified (Mark 10)

Be true to marital vows; for marriage magnified by the Master and faithfulness builds the home. Listen to the Lord's answer to the question about divorce. (1) The question was a live one at that time as it is today. It came from Pharisaic sources. It was this: Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? There were two great schools of thought divided on the answer. The followers of Shammai were very strict in their views and they allowed divorce only on the one ground of infidelity. The followers of Hillel were more lax in their opinion and so considered divorce lawful on the grounds of incompatibility, dislike, disobedience, and so on. They were divided in their interpretation of Deuteronomy 24: 1,2, Shammai having held that the words "some unseemly thing in her" referred to lewdness, while Hillel declared that it meant nothing more than something disagreeable. Hence, the wide divergence of view. (2) The purpose of the question was to entrap Jesus if possible. If he should declare divorce unlawful, he would array against him the richer and more prominent classes in society. If he should declare divorce lawful, he would antagonize the teaching of Shammai, generally regarded as the highest moral code, and discredit himself as teacher of the loftiest morality. (3) The counter question of Jesus, however, threw the inquirers back upon their own resources. What did Moses command? They replied that he permitted a bill of divorce. Jesus assented to their answer but declared that the permissive mandate of Moses was due to their hardness of heart which kept them from conforming fully to the law of God. Even so, it exercised a restraining influence in favor of the wife of a cruel husband and was a great advance over the polygamous paganism overspreading the world. The Mosaic statute was the best that could be enacted under the conditions. (4) The interpretation by Jesus carried the question back to its historic basis in creation when the marriage of Adam and Eve in Eden by their Creator is the model for every home in all the world. The exclusiveness of the marriage tie is seen also in the duty of the contracting parties in their separateness from their parents to form a new unit of society. In doing so they themselves constituted a unity which is vividly asserted in the doctrine that the two are no longer twain but one flesh. Every marriage ought to be contracted according to the will of God and the union thus formed is or should be indissoluble. (5) So the stability of the home is assured. The marriage tie should not be rent asunder by husband or wife, through any outside interference or under any law that violates the law of God.

#### 4. Childhood Consecrated (Mark 10)

Bring the children to Christ; for the consecration of childhood blesses the home. Read again about the Lord's blessing the little children. Observe: (1) The Presentation. Jesus was very busy but fond mothers nevertheless brought their little children to him in the hope that he would touch them, lay his hands upon them, and pray for them. (2) The Rebuke. Since Jesus was surrounded by adults and every moment was occupied with teaching the multitudes, the disciples felt that the coming of the children would be an intrusion. For this reason they forbade the bringing of the little ones into the presence of the Savior. (3) The Welcome. Far from being pleased with the conduct of his disciples in this matter, Jesus was "moved with indignation." Without hesitation he called the children unto him, other work for the moment giving way to that which now leaped into precedence. Notice what Jesus said. As to children and the Christ, he said, "Come!" As to children and Christians, he said, "Suffer—fornid not!" As to children and the Kingdom, he said, "To such belongeth the kingdom!" (4) The Blessing. Who can without emotion contemplate what followed? Jesus took the little ones in his arms and laid his hands tenderly upon them.

#### Gold in the Golden Text

Keep thyself pure. 1 Timothy 5:22.

Cherish whiteness of spirit. Keep the mind absolutely clean. Let no evil thought corrupt the intellect and vitiate the soul and weaken character. Look straight down the path of duty ahead as the Wise Man urged.

#### Home Daily Bible Readings

- November 14—The Seventh Commandment. Ex. 20:14.
- November 15—Jesus and Personal Purity. Matt. 5:27-30.
- November 16—The Roots of Harmonious Living. 1 Cor. 13:4-8.
- November 17—"What God Hath Joined." Mark 10:9-12.
- November 18—The Christian Conception of Married Life. Eph. 5: 25-31.
- November 20—The Unseen Partner. Psalm 23:1-6.

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## Hardin-Simmons News

### Byrd Tells Something About B. S. U. Trip To Memphis Convention

By MELVIN BYRD

The B. S. U. group that went to Memphis, Tenn., reports that the convention was much better than they had anticipated. It would be impossible and probably unwise to tell everything that happened on the trip. It is inevitable that the Screw Scoops will get some of those that made the trip.

Many were surprised that the B. S. U. car made the entire trip and had only one flat. The 29 model will not run faster than 45 miles per hour until Miss A. M. Carpenter goes to sleep then it will make 60 easy. However, Miss Carpenter did not sleep very much until she got on the stage Thursday evening. It was very embarrassing when she fell over in the man's lap that was sitting beside her.

At the opening service Thursday evening the gigantic Municipal Auditorium could not seat all of the people and several hundred were turned away. All of the H-SU students did not get inside.

The theme of the convention was, "My Maximum For Christ." All of those that went on the trip resolved in their hearts that they would give all that they have to Christ. All of the speakers brought great messages, but several agreed that the best message was delivered by Dr. C. E. Madry, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Christian student parade was a great success. 3,500 students from seventeen States marched down Main Street. 334 of these students were from Texas. The three H-SU cowgirls attracted much attention. The sidewalks were crowded with onlookers.

Immediately after the parade the Texas delegation met to elect the B. S. U. officers for another year. Charles Myers of Baylor was elected president. S. E. Smith of H-SU was elected state B. S. U. magazine representative. Smith is the third H-SU student ever to be elected to a state office. The state B. S. U. convention meets here at H-SU next October and J. W. Marshall, state secretary, is al-

ready making plans to have to come to the greatest speakers of the south to be here. Let all of us cooperate this year and make our B. S. U. the best in Texas.

### HOMECOMING FOR MINISTERS, IS PLAN

Plans are under way on the H-SU campus to have a Minister's Homecoming each year. Fundamental purposes are to have study courses and conferences concerning the ministry and its problems, comparable to such meetings held at the university several years ago.

Dr. E. B. Atwood and Dr. N. A. Moore of the Bible department will direct arrangements. The date and meeting plans will be given in a later issue of the bulletin.

This homecoming is designed because the regular homecoming, on Saturdays and week-ends, is badly timed for ministers and pastors.

"Will ministers, educational directors, musical directors, and religious workers please write the alumni officers, and express your ideas on this plan, as to date, and work to be carried on," urged Harry H. Hayes, H-SU field representative and alumni secretary.

### Speech Convention Acceptances Here

Katharine Boyd, head of the speech department, said this week that she has had definite acceptance to the State Alpha Psi Omega Convention to be held here November 21 and 22 from five schools.

Those who at the present are sure to attend are Texas Technological College, Trinity University, Mary Hardin-Baylor, College of Mines, Abilene Christian College, and Hardin-Simmons.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be Edward Crowley, who is with the Dallas Little Theater.

Abilene Christian College and Hardin-Simmons University are co-hosts for the occasion.

### MISSIONARY HONORED BY H-SU ALUMNAE

Recently there was held in Abilene a reunion of Hardin-Simmons University Alumni and ex-students to honor Miss Viola Humphreys, returned missionary from China and a graduate of the University in the class of 1916.

This affair was a spontaneous movement on the part of all these individuals and it is hoped that similar meetings of alumni will be held at various places. Miss Humphreys has spent seventeen years as a missionary in China; and it is her hope to return to her post there some time soon.

At this gathering, Miss Humphreys presented to the group her plans for a Friendship Quilt to be made by the ladies of the Churches throughout Texas. This quilt will be made of the colors of the flag of China and those of the Lone Star State placed around the Star of Bethlehem. Names of organizations and individuals will be embroidered upon it. All contributions received from the blocks in the quilt and the completed piece of work will be presented to Madame and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to be used in relieving distress among the Chinese orphans.

The group had luncheon at the Y. W. C. A., and then spent the afternoon in relating college days happenings at the home of Mrs. R. H. McIntosh. Later the group had a chat with Prexy at his residence on the campus of Hardin-Simmons. The entire group had been residents of the Girls' Industrial Home (now the football dormitory); and they took time to write a letter to their former matron, Mrs. Sue Smith of Dallas, who was unable to make the trip on account of illness.

Those attending were: Mrs. W. H. McIntosh (Ruby Conway, class of '16), Abilene, Texas. Her daughter, Betty is now in Hardin-Simmons working toward a B. M. degree; Mrs. B. H. Meskimen, (Cecile Conway, class of '17), Lubbock. Her daughter Jane is a freshman in the University doing work toward B. M. degree. Mrs. O. W. McLeod (Linnie Lykes), Lubbock. Linnie had her son Doyle, a junior in Lubbock High and a prospective student in Hardin-Simmons, with her. Mrs. Solon R. Featherston (Lillie B. Reeves class of '14), Wichita Falls. Her husband, Solon R. Featherston, is also a graduate of the University and for a number of years, has been one of its most active alumni. Maude Dean, class of '14, Slaton. Maude has been a teacher in the Slaton High School for several years, and it was a real treat indeed to be able once again to enjoy her wit and good humor. Mrs. J. J. Keeter (Leo Allen, class of '17), Throckmorton. Leo and her husband are both graduates in the class of '17, and he is a valuable member of the board of trustees of the University.

Mrs. Edgar Bradley (Willie Robinson), Merkel. Shee, too, has a son, Edgar Jr., who is working toward a B. M. degree at Hardin-Simmons. Mrs. W. A. Stephenson (Myrt Littleton) Abilene. Myrt is on the campus often for her husband, a graduate of the University is a professor of government there. Mrs. John S. Bates (Lillian Coffman, class of '14), Marshall. Lillian and John are both graduates of the University. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Marshall. Their daughter graduated from Baylor University last year. Mrs. Rob Strayhorn (Vera Tyson, class of '14), Rotan. Vera is one of the most active workers in the First Baptist Church of Rotan and a loyal alumna. Miss Lucile Robinson (class of '16), Lubbock. Lucile, for a number of years taught in Cisco High School, but left that position last year to become secretary to the president of Texas Technological College. Mrs. V. L. Garrett (Carrie Littleton, class of '16), Dublin. Carrie enjoys her ranch home and has kept in close touch with the University.

Each one present went home with renewed determination to do more for missions and as an alumnus of Hardin-Simmons University.

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**MEXICAN REVIVAL AT ABILENE**  
Dr. J. E. Davis of the Mexican Baptist Seminary, El Paso, was preacher for a fine revival among the Spanish speaking people of Abilene, November 6 to 13. Visible results included thirteen candidates for baptism, two additions by letter and twelve by restoration.

Among the converts is Carmen Arroyo, District 17 W. M. U. scholarship girl at Hardin-Simmons, Miss Arroyo is the first Spanish speaking graduate of Abilene high school. Baptismal services will be observed at First Church on Thursday evening, November 17.

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### "THE BURDEN BEARER"

Great Inspirational Play To Be Given At Wichita Falls Convention Friday Night, Nov. 25

"The Burden Bearer," is the name of a drama to be presented by the training union of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, at the convention in Wichita Falls, Friday, November 25. We give a brief synopsis of the play: Directed by Mrs. Charles V. Moore. Cast:

Simon (a man from Cyrene)—Will T. Dansby.  
Mara (Simon's wife)—Virginia Ann March.

Alexander (Simon's son)—Edwin Farrow.  
Rufus (Simon's younger son)—Wally Christian.

Lucius (a wealthy Cyrenian Jew)—DeForrest Kimery.  
A Man With a Burden—George Palmer.

Two Roman Soldiers—Gene Wallace and A. D. Walters.

**Synopsis**  
Simon, who is by birth half Jew and half Libyan, a native of the Jewish colony of Cyrene, in Northern Africa, realizes the dream of his life in bringing his son, Alexander, to Jerusalem in order that the boy may be educated by the great teachers of his father's people. On account of his alien blood, however, he is refused the rights and privileges of other Jews. The teachers will not take his son as a pupil. Even Lucius, his former friend and fellow rebel against Rome, will not receive him into his house. Bitter with shame and hatred Simon is compelled to bear the cross of another outcast, one Jesus, a Galilean, and in the bearing of it, he finds not only release from his own burden of hatred but also a new life purpose in bearing the burdens of others.

### THE LITTLE CHURCH

The majority of churches in Texas are part-time. Many of the part-time churches only have a very few members. In some of the smallest churches in the state, we find some of the greatest people. A church with a small membership may have a program as wide in its scope as the largest church in the world. Indeed, every church, large or small, should adopt the whole program of our Lord and Savior. In my estimation, there are no little churches. There are some small churches as far as membership goes. A church that has adopted the program of Jesus and looks to the Holy Spirit to guide it is a great church rendering a world-wide service.

When the convention meets at Wichita Falls, all representatives of village and rural churches will have an opportunity to get together where the problems of the small church will be discussed. Rev. R. Elmer Dunham of Santa Anna will be the presiding officer. All part-time churches in Texas should send representatives to the Wichita Falls Convention November 24-25-26, 1938.

### "FRESH WATER COLLEGE"

One of our large dailies tried to reflect on our small denominational colleges by the use of the expression "fresh water college." A few years ago Dr. Frederick Eby of the University of Texas wrote a book in which he showed that the small denominational college led the field in producing great and successful men. Mr. Roger Babson in a recent letter to the business men of America, said: "Citizens at this time of year write to us for suggestions as to preparatory schools and colleges which we would suggest for young people. We feel strongly that the small college in a small community is very much better than a large college. A school that is little known outside of its own environment will usually do more for your children than one with a national reputation. We also strongly recommend colleges which have been founded and are now being watched over by one of the church denominations. Every client doubtless attends some church. Ask your minister to give you a list of the small Christian colleges which he would recommend. If he fails to help you, we will gladly try to do so."—The Echo, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

### PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Saturday, November 19—Miss Essie Mae Fuller, educational worker, Rua Homen de Mello 57, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Miss Vada Mace Waldron, educational worker, Mendoza, Argentina.

Sunday, November 20—Miss Hattie Stallings, educational worker, Kweilin, Kt., China.

Monday, November 21—James H. Wiley, educational worker, Shanghai University, Shanghai, China.

Tuesday, November 22—Mary L. Evans (Mrs. Philip S.), evangelist worker, Tsinan, Shantung, China.

Wednesday, November 23—Anna G. Swenson (Mrs. Erhardt S.), evangelistic worker, Bahia Blanca, Argentina.

Thursday, November 24—Miss Clarable Isdell, evangelistic worker, Yangchow, Ku, China.

Friday, November 25—Roswell E. Owens, educational worker, Mt. Carmel, Haifa, Palestine; Miss Lois C. Glass, evangelistic worker, Hwanghsien, Shantung, China.

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## SOUTHERN PLAINSMEN

A BOOK REVIEW

(Editor's Note: This review of Southern Plainsmen, by Dr. Carl Coke Rister, former H-SU history department member, now at the University of Oklahoma, was written for the West Texas Historical Society Yearbook by Prof. Emmett M. Landers, of the Hardin-Simmons department of history.)

The University of Oklahoma Press bids fair to have a new favorite among both scholarly and popular readers in this latest publication released October 15. In this volume, Carl Coke Rister, already well known for his treatment of the Southwest, has given the reading public a charming story of life on the frontier from the Platte to the Rio Grande and from the Mississippi to the Rockies. He has painted a unique and colorful word picture of the pioneer life in the land of the plains Indian and the buffalo.

The introduction gives a brief but excellent discussion of the geography and of the climatic conditions, together with the animal and plant life of the region. Along with this, Mr. Rister has given a view of the native Indian life as it was affected by the coming of the conquistadores and later by the hunters and traders of the English and French. Upon this foundation, he has built his story of the new type of pioneer in every way the equal of any other regional character.

The story carries a graphic description of the plainsman in such chapter titles as "The Hunter's Paradise," "Ships of the Plains," "Stage Coach Days," "Border Heroines," "Life of the Range Rider," "Moonlight Raids," "Home Remedies and the 'Pill Bag,'" "Soldiers of the Cross," "An Eventful Horse Race," and others of equal suggestive interest. In these chapters, the reader is carried along on a buffalo hunt or perchance he views with Colonel Dodge a herd of buffalo estimated at the lowest 200,000; perhaps he rides with a caravan and chokes in the stifling dust of the old Santa Fe Trail, or watches herd at night with the cowboys. And so through the pages of the book, the reader follows in detail the home life of the people, learning something of

the pleasure, the thrill, the hardship, and withal the social and economic growth of the Southwest.

In this volume, Mr. Rister has done for the Southwest somewhat the same thing which Mr. Adams did in his Provincial Society for the Northeast, and what Mr. Andrews did for his people in Colonial Folkways. It has the smell of the outdoors, the thrill of the hunt, the emotion of the far-away, and the challenge of an empire. Variety in its touches of pioneer life is one of its most interesting qualities, it ranges from the touch of the lonely frontier home to the bugle note which began the mad scramble of the Oklahoma land rush, and from the pleasures of the Cowboy's Christmas Ball to the mid-night raids of the savage Indian warriors.

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# A Mighty Baptist Asset, The B. S. U.

By L. R. Scarborough

I had to do with the genesis of this wonderful movement. I was present when its little beginnings were started, have loved and fostered it in all its upward and outward growth and enlargement, have attended and taken part in its greatest conferences and in the councils of its leaders. My valuation of it, my appraisal, is at the top of Baptist assets. I love and honor its leaders, and count Dr. Frank Leavell as one of the most potent and powerful of leaders in any Baptist realm.

My appraisal of its recent conference at Memphis is great and as appreciative as I could have for any gathering of Baptists. Twenty-five hundred representatives from hundreds of campuses—and on these campuses 110,000 Baptist young people—is a achievement of potency rarely ever witnessed. These youths, ambitious, cultured, consecrated, forward-looking, being taught in the Bible, majoring in the mastery of Christ, devoted to His Kingdom enterprises, loyal to our Baptist doctrines and churches, make a possession of unestimable value to Southern Baptists.

God has packed on these campuses more vital forces and hopes for our causes than anywhere on similar areas. Our leaders will largely come from these schools. In the B. S. U. they are being led to Christ, enlisted in church and Kingdom work, trained in God's Word and constructive activity. They are being spiritualized and denominationalized and called out in Christ's will and way.

That meeting at Memphis was dynamic, titanic, and all the big words. When I saw them, with their own leaders in action, I said, "There is Christ's Baptist rainbow on all the horizons of the pregnant future. Here is in germ and hope and in the making, our trained leaders for the future."

From what I saw there, and have seen in many other places, they are being:

1. Made devout Christians.
2. Led to deeper consecration of life and talent.
3. Led into constructive methods of service for Christ.
4. Made soul-winners.
5. Led to surrender life and all into Christ's world-will of service.
6. Made loyal to Christ's churches and devoted to leadership and service.
7. Made Christ-honoring Baptists—not unionized, but loyal to principle and doctrine and to Christ's churches.
8. Led to feel their responsibility to a lost world, and the mission and soul-winning passion is put into their hearts.
9. Made faithful to the higher standards of social life, and led into broader ideas of consecrated character.

The immediate and major task before these campuses is the generation and promotion of a constructive, genuine, New Testament evangelism. If we fail to produce revivals on these campuses, our Southwide Revival has failed in one of our most important areas. Not to have evangelized leaders is to fail.

I urge all our forces to join in the effort to have great revivals in our schools. The parents and pastors at home, the denominational leaders and people everywhere can help—by prayer, by letters, by faith, by the constraining love of Christ. Let's join Dr. Leavell and his efficient force, and all the B. S. U. workers, in seeking a blazing evangelism among all the college students.

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Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small; Though with patience He stands waiting, with exactness grinds He all.—Grederrick von Logau.

## RAMBLING REMARKS

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and the women fell for it. If I remember correctly they not only fell for it hard but often, if you get what I mean. It was fun to see one approach a muddy place where a giant stride was indicated, or high steps where the elevation was higher than the skirt was wide. Boy, it would have taken an Einstein to chart a course through one normal day without a dozen incidents detrimental to the pride and grace of the female of the species. . . . If this sounds critical of womens styles allow me to atone for it by saying that I particularly like these modern hats. Funny? Certainly. But they are so small and cute and, and well out of the way and unobtrusive that you can actually sit behind one at a football game or elsewhere and see some of the game or other program in progress.

The other day a doctor told me that one of my physical difficulties grew out of improper posture. By measuring and sighting he decided that I have a decided list to the right. I know what caused it. Back in the horse and buggy days when I was courting the girl who later became my wife she bought a hat about four feet in diameter. Since the driver in a buggy sat on the right side I had to sit in the most awkward position leaning far to the right or get my neck sawed by the serrated edges of that rough straw hat. It was in the plastic period of my physical growth and I never fully recovered an upright perpendicular. . . . But I'd do the same thing again for the same reward.

## Veteran W-Tex Pastor

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closed with a sermon. Among the preachers there were seasoned and experienced pastors who have for years been in the front line of leadership and there were our younger men just beginning their effective ministry. But one and all lifted us into the higher realms of worship. There were times when it seemed more like a revival meeting than a Convention.

One of the high notes was sounded by Mrs. B. L. Lockett when she was presented by Dr. Jones of the Foreign Mission Board with the statement that on December 10th she would sail back to Africa. Mrs. Lockett, with her face shining, told of her glad joy at the opportunity of going back to her black people. She stated that being Southern she did not believe in social equality, but that she believed in soul equality and that this was what she had longed for. And that her church, the First Baptist Church of Abilene, that had supported her through these years would continue her support in Africa. That of course will be a joyful privilege to the membership of our Church.

The Executive Board submitted a program for the coming year that calls for one million dollars. Considering that we have over six hundred thousand Baptists in our Convention, that is a very reasonable amount to set as the Convention's goal. It was voted unanimously. The report stated that it would call for a fifty per cent increase on the part of the churches to the co-operative program. This should meet with the heartiest response from all our churches.

It was my privilege to introduce the resolution that has already been passed by the trustees of Hardin-Simmons University and the Sweetwater Baptist Association, which calls for the jubilee celebration of Hardin-Simmons in 1942. The Convention heartily endorsed the resolution and will join us in that celebration. It was also my privilege to bring greetings to the Convention from President Sandfer and to offer a motion that the Convention send him a telegram expressing its love for him and its concern about his restoration to health and strength again.

I think the preachers and laymen all went home from this Convention encouraged to attempt greater things for the Lord's cause this next year and to expect greater blessings from Him.

## POSITIONS

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## MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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raising near \$30,000 for the Cooperative Program and Lueders Camp Grounds. Lueders camp grounds are paid for, now, and we will not have to take out for that. We were not able to reach our goal during the month of October because we had the emergency of raising enough to take care of the debt on the camp grounds or lose them. We did the job well and made splendid offerings to the Cooperative Program. We were asked to raise \$6,000 for the Cooperative Program and raised over \$7,000 for that cause and the camp grounds. Well, we can do all for the mission program next time. We will.

If we do our part in raising the \$1,000,000 during 1938-1939 our district will give about \$50,000. That will be about \$1.50 per member. That will be easy. A church that has 100 members would give only \$150.00 during a whole year. In fact, if we would tithe, there are individual members in almost every church whose tithe would amount to more than that.

The tithe of the pastors in our district would be about \$10,000 a year. I am sure that the people in our district earn more than the average of the per capita income in Texas which is \$400 plus. But at \$400 the tithe would be about \$1,600,000 a year. Twenty per cent of that for the Cooperative Program would be \$320,000. Well, we can raise \$50,000, can't we?

It is an established fact that preachers do give what they make away on the fields where they serve. Since that is true, the churches want to make it possible for them to live after their years of usefulness, as pastors, are over. Or after their health is impaired. So I find that the churches are ready to invest the amount of three per cent of the amount of their pastor's salary, not taking that out of the pastor's salary, but placing that in their budgets as a special item. Then the pastor can put in three per cent of his salary and the State board will put in two per cent of the amount of his salary and in that way build up a reserve for his old age. For example, we have a church that pays its pastor \$20.00 per month. The church would put into the Old Minister's Retirement sixty cents per month, the State Board forty cents, and the pastor would put in sixty cents. That would be only \$1.60 a month but that would guarantee the pastor one half of the amount of his average salary for the past, or the last twenty-five years of his ministry. If this pastor month for that time his income would be \$40.00 per month for the rest of his life. I do hope every church goes into this plan.

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The meetings of the State Baptist Training Union Convention will be appealing, inspiring, and uplifting. The program committee has secured some of the outstanding inspirational speakers of the south to deliver addresses during the three-days convention at Wichita Falls. Some of them are as follows:

Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. C. E. Maddry, Richmond, Virginia; Dr. W. R. White, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dallas; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Seminary Hill; Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, Brownwood; Dr. John L. Whorton, Longview; Dr. B. A. Copass, Seminary Hill; Rev. C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth; Dr. Ewing S. James, Vernon; Rev. Vernon G. Miles, Cameron; Dr. E. Leslie Carlson, Seminary Hill; Dr. A. B. White, Paris; Rev. J. Dale Thorn, Graham; Rev. J. W. Mason, Memphis; Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford; Dr. B. J. Cauthen, Fort Worth; Rev. J. L. Isbell, DeLeon; Rev. Raymond Harris, Three Rivers; Rev. J. D. Brannon, Houston; Rev. W. H. Colson, Burket.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo; Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., San Angelo; Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Houston; Dr. Clay I. Hudson, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. C. E. Hereford, Lubbock; Dr. Frank Weedon, Denton; Rev. Odell Jameson, Houston; Rev. A. Hope Owen, Quanah; Dr. J. Pat Horton, Plainview; Rev. D. D. Sumrall, Dallas; Rev. J. I. Cartledge, Eastland; Rev. J. W. Marshall, Dallas; R. A. Springer, Dallas; Rev. J. P. McBeth, Dumas; Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Wichita Falls; Rev. Willis J. Ray, San Antonio; Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Campbell, Dimmitt; Rev. Charles T. Tally, Ranger; Rev. A. J. Quinn, Bowie; Rev. R. E. Dunham, Santa Anna.

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## SEMINARY NEWS

Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor, First Baptist Church, El Paso, was elected president of Southwestern Seminary's Alumni Association during the recent state convention. Other officers include: Rev. J. C. Mackenzie, Amarillo, vice president; Mrs. John C. Bates, Marshall, secretary.

The annual meeting of the Texas Alumni Association of Southwestern Seminary was featured by two addresses, inspiring music, and good fellowship. Dr. George W. Truett, president of the board of trustees, spoke extemporaneously on his reminiscences from the early history of the Seminary; and Dr. J. W. Bruner, director of endowment and enlargement, forcefully pointed out the necessity of an adequate endowment for the Seminary. Mrs. H. H. Hargrove, Waco, presented the members of the Seminary faculty who were present, and Mr. J. D. Riddle, Abilene, gave color to the occasion by providing a very entertaining musical program.

There were 92 additions, 58 by baptism, to the First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, during a meeting conducted by Dr. L. R. Scarborough. Out of 44 additions on the final day of the meeting, 20 were grown men. Dr. A. N. Hall is the revered and honored pastor of the church.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president, Southern Baptist Convention and Southwestern Seminary, is making a determined effort to visit as many of the state conventions as he possibly can. He fraternized with the Virginia convention November 8 and 9. His schedule for November 15-17 included the state conventions in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, which met in Columbia, Raleigh, Atlanta, and Gadsden, respectively.

Remember the pre-registration plan closes Friday, November 18. All registrations must be in the State B. T. U. office by that date.

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